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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NASA, TSPA, MA, US

SUBJECT: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 240470

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1. EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED REFTEL (INCLUDING AMB MENDENHALL AND NASA STATION DIRECTOR EDELINE, PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE) AND IS READY TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH GOMR NEGOTIATING TEAM SAVE FOR ONE PROBLEM. PARAGRAPH 4(I) (PARA 9 OF TEXT) REFTEL REQUESTS EMBASSY SEEK REINSERTION OF LANGUAGE REQUIRING PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO NASA REPRESENTATIVE FOR VISITS TO STATION.

2. STATION DIRECTOR EDELINE BELIEVES PRIOR NOTIFICATION NOT NECESSARY AS PRACTICAL MATTER; EMBASSY BELIEVES ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY ACCESS TO STATION IN ANY WAY WOULD BE IMPOLITIC. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, GOMR VISITORS TO STATION ARE TOO FEW -- ONE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THREE YEARS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, ON POLITICAL SIDE, FOR PAST TWO YEARS EMBASSY HAS BEEN STRESSING OPENNESS OF STATION AND UNCLASSIFIED NATURE OF ITS WORK. TO SEEK REINSERTION OF LANGUAGE THAT REQUIRES PRIOR NOTIFICATION NOW WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FUEL SUSPICIONS THAT CONTINUE TO LINGER BELOW SURFACE FOR UNINFORMED CONCERNING STATION OPERATIONS AND WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ACTION REQUESTED BY DEPT AND NASA: WITHDRAWAL OF
INSTRUCTION ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR VISITS TO STATION
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